

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Industrial Accident- Milton

Milton- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal industrial accident that occurred yesterday.

The incident occurred on December 20, 2021, at approximately 2:11 p.m., when troopers were dispatched to Huff Road, Milton, in reference to an industrial accident. Investigation revealed that the victim, a 59-year-old male of Laurel, DE, was working for a tree company clearing a lot. The victim was cutting up a tree that was lying on the ground when his chainsaw became stuck. An excavator was then utilized by another employee to lift the tree so the victim could free his chainsaw. After recovering his chainsaw the victim turned to walk away when the tree snapped, and a portion struck the victim in the torso.

The victim was transported to Beebe Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The victim was turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the cause and manner of death. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

The case continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Criminal Investigations Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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